

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9273**  
Tadamasa TOMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1268A  
Serial No. 10/591,242 : Group Art Unit 2621  
Filed August 31, 2006 :

MULTIPLEXING APPARATUS AND  
DEMULTIPLEXING APPARATUS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: